

Ladder of Youth Involvement

Step 9. Youth Initiated and Directed

Step 8. Youth Initiated, Shared Decisions with Adults

Step 7. Youth and Adult Initiated and Directed

Step 6. Adult Initiated, Shared Decisions with Youth

Step 5. Consulted and Informed

Step 4. Assigned and Informed

Step 3. Tokenism

Step 2. Decoration

Step 1. Manipulation

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